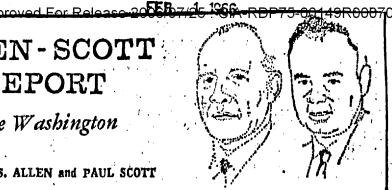
Inside Washington

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New Look at Red Threat

WASHINGTON - President, Aldes of Rusk indicated, at these advisers have pointed out Johnson's foreign policy advis the briefing, that this informa- that despite their public denunciers are urging him to make a tion came from "sources on the ations of each other, Pelping sweeping reappraisal of policies China mainland' through diplo- and Moscow are supplying arms to deal with what they describe as "the increase of Red China's power in Asia and the potential spread of nuclear weapons.

and McNamara and UN Ambassador Goldberg, the policy formulators are calling for a critical assessment of military alliances in both West and East, including revising NATO as one of the first steps toward greater Soviet-Western cooperation.

In some of the boldest and most controversial proposals to he made in the White House in recent years, this group, which! Llewellyn Thompson, Undersecretary George Ball and Dr. Walt Rostow, chairman of the State Department's Policy Planning Council, wants the President through either negotiations or military action to curb Pelping's capabilities to produce nuclear weapons and wage "wars of liberation."

NUCLEAR THREAT

That warn that while Red China's immediate intentions in Southeast Asia might be a matter for debate, it is certain Peiping, within five years, will have the potentiality to upset the strategic balance of the world through "nuclear blackmail."

Communist China as a nuclear D-Conn., is cautioning against military power increases the un- a secret alliance with the Kremcontrolled spread of such weap- lin on the ground it is still Mosons throughout the world, the danger of nuclear war would immensely intensify.

a small handpicked group, Sec | mainland could be a Soviet trap retary Rusk warned that Red to lure U.S. military manpower China in preparing its third nu- into an abyse while freeing the clear blast in "a matter of Kremlin to wage "wars of libweeks," and is scheduled to pro-jeration in, Africa, and Latin duce its first H-bomb by the America." end of 1966.

matic channels.

obtained the same infromation, can forces in South Viet Nam. are cautioning that it emanated Headed by Secretaries Rusk from "known Communists" a fact Rusk's assistants did not mention.

NEW PARTNERS

The crucial question the President's advisers are posing is side with one or the other. forming a secret alliance with Russia to use a "carrot and stick" policy on Peiping to restrain what they call a "nerveus and undernourished drag-

According to their position paincludes Ambassador - at - Large pers, the first step for the U.S. might be to accept what they refer to as "the realities of Chithe Peiping government into international negotiations."

The rating of Communist China and the spread of nuclear weapons, rather than Russia, as the principal problem facing the U.S. is being opposed by military, intelligence and congressional advisers of the President.

This group, which includes CIA Director Reborn, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Speaker John McCormack, D-Mass., and Sens. Richard Russell, D-Ga., chairman of the Armed Services Moreover, if the growth of Committee, and Thomas Dodd, cow policy to "destroy the U.S."

BOTTOMLESS PIT

These officials warn that in-In one backstage briefing of volvement in a war on the China

to North Viet Nam and advising . Veteran CIA authorities, who Hanoi on how to combat Ameri-If a deep split really existed

between Peiping and Moscow, they stress, the U.S. could stand on the sideline and encourage the two Communist powers to go. after each other rather than

COMING BATTLE

As the Viet Nam conflict continues, this sharp dispute be-! tween the two groups of powerful presidential advisers is very; likely to intensify.

The Raborn-Joint Chiefs-Rus-i sell-Dodd-McCormack group favors a tougher policy in Viet Nam, including a naval blocknese power and draw or force ade if necessary- to bring Hanoi; to the conference table.

The Rusk - McNamara - Goldberg-Thompson-Ball-Rostow faction is suggesting the need for "controlled confrontation" with Communist China whether it be at the conference table or on the battlefield, and even if it means making concessions to Hanoi and Moscow on Viet Nam.

They are asking President Johnson to "trust" Russia to help bring this off, although the Soviet leaders are incessantly: telling the world the U.S. is the. aggressor in Viet Nam.

growing rift between The presidential advisers these leaves the President with merely the same decision on Communist China that confronted President Kennedy a few weeks before he was assassinated.

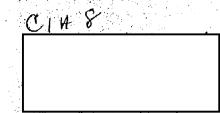
The cast of advisers, with a few exceptions, is the same. but there is a different man sitting in the White House. His decision on what to do about Red China is the most fateful facing President Johnson and In talks with the President, the American people,

Sen. Margaret Chase Smith. R-Maine, has finally won a seat on the important armed services subcommittee which polices the Central Intelligence Agency's operations.

Sen. Richard Russell, D-Ga., chairman, moved Mrs. Smith to the key subcommittee on the recommendation of Sen. Leverett Saittonstall, R-Mass., who has announced his retirement from the Senate.

Russell took this unannounced action after Sen. Eugene Mc-Carthy, D-Minn., declared his intention to seek an investigation of the CIA.

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